

# Aspendale Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter—Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August



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Primary Years Programme

*Aspendale Gardens is an IB World School that strives to be internationally minded.*

*Our purpose is to provide a supportive safe and dynamic learning environment. We promote inquiry, curiosity, creativity and individuality. We aim to develop a resilient, open-minded school community where all students become independent, emotionally intelligent and socially competent as they strive to achieve their potential as global citizens.*

### 2021 DIARY

#### AUGUST

Monday 16 SCIENCE WEEK BEGINS  
School Council Meeting 6:30pm  
Friday 20 Year 4 Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion  
Monday 23 Year 3 Mr Bunsen Burner Incursion  
Tuesday 24 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Begins  
Wednesday 25 PJ Day—non-perishable food donations please  
Friday 27 School Disco  
Monday 30 Year 1 Healthy Eating Incursion

#### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1 Fathers' Day Stall  
Thursday 2 Year 1 Recycling Incursion

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 3 Years 3 & 4 Swimming Ends  
Sunday 5 Fathers' Day  
Snow Camp Departs @ 10:00am  
Tuesday 7 Snow Camp Returns @ 9:00pm  
Thursday 9 Footy Day – Gold Coin Donation to State Schools' Relief Fund  
Friday 10 District Athletics Carnival  
Monday 13 Year 2 Scienceworks Excursion  
Tuesday 14 School Production—all day  
Thursday 16 Year 2 Sleepover  
Friday 17 Maths Curriculum Day—NO students at school

#### OCTOBER

Monday 4 Term 4 Begins

### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for your support and patience during lockdown & remote learning. As you would have most likely heard by now we will be in lock down for another week. At this stage we will resume on-site tomorrow week, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. We know remote learning has its challenges both for our families and our staff. We all just have to take a deep breath, look after ourselves and remember that our mental health and wellbeing is far more important than ensuring all daily activities are completed. Thank you to all who have filled in the remote learning parent survey. We will be looking at any ways we can to make remote learning better and easier for everyone. Please remember we can only have essential worker's children on-site according to the Government guidelines.



If you require on-site supervision please fill in the on-line form sent via Compass.



#### International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program Evaluation

We had an excellent remote evaluation from the IB world last week. All aspects of our program were evaluated and everyone came through with flying colours. A special mention to Mrs Kelly Cornelius, our IB coordinator, who ensured all areas were uploaded ready for the evaluators—a massive job indeed! Thank you to all involved. Our next evaluation will be in 5 year's time.

### Foundation Swimming

Unfortunately, with having to be in lockdown yet again, we have had to postpone the Foundation swimming program. Hopefully we can secure new dates, however if we can't parents will have the option of getting a full refund or having the funds remain in their account to go towards 2022 school fees.

### After School Coding Club

Our after school Coding Club has been cancelled for the remainder of Term 3. All parents will be notified and will be offered the following options:

1. Join the online Scratch Game Development STEM Classes instead of the in-school LEGO<sup>®</sup> Robotics classes,  
**OR**
2. Retain the payment for Term 3 as a credit towards Term 4 sessions.

If you have any questions please contact **Team EduGuru** directly at [www.edu-guru.com.au](http://www.edu-guru.com.au)

### Science Week—Next Week

Our teachers and students are busy talking and thinking about Science Week. Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for some wonderful science ideas and suggestions to explore. There are some great activities planned for when the students return to school.



### Parents / Caregivers / Guardians Survey

Thank you to parents who have already completed the Parents/Caregivers/Guardians Survey. This is just a gentle reminder to please complete the survey if you have not already done so. The link was sent out to parents through Compass. This year, the Parent/Caregivers /Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted up until **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

**To complete the survey, simply:**

1. Click on the link, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey. <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>
2. Select the School and Campus name below.  
**School Name: Aspendale Gardens Primary School.**
3. Enter the School PIN below.  
**PIN: 590656**
4. When completed, please click on the tick button at the end of the survey to submit your answers.  
**Please note that the survey will time out after 60 minutes of inactivity.**

### Curriculum Day – Rescheduled

Our Maths curriculum day has been rescheduled to the last day of this term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Students do not attend school on this day. TheirCare will be providing out of hours school care if parents require this service. Please ensure you book in via their portal <https://theircare.com.au/>.

Take care and stay safe in these very challenging times.

*Cheryle Osborne*



# STARS OF THE WEEK



## Week 4—Term 3

Class	Student	Reason
FCH	Zoe Ho	For your hard working attitude and your amazing effort when reading and writing. Go Zoe!
FEC	Sophia Tian	For being a fantastic reading coach during our 'Read to Someone' sessions in Daily 5.
FMC	Starry Jax	For her fantastic effort to write a narrative and stretch out the sounds in words!
FLB	Miller Vagg	For showing motivation and completing an excellent piece of writing after our '100 days of school' celebration!
1DA	Archer Keulen	For bringing laughter and humour into our classroom every day, and putting a smile on all our faces!!
1RP	Joey O'Brien	For always displaying commitment and enthusiasm towards your learning! You're a star!
1NA	Kira Taing	For showing incredible motivation this week when researching the life cycle of a strawberry.
1SD	Jamie Burke	For being a terrific helper within the classroom. Keep up the awesome work!
2LK	Maya Robinson	For your enthusiasm towards learning in everything we do in class. Keep up the amazing work.
2MB	Luke Saenko	For your great efforts when writing your cinquain poem. Keep working hard Luke!
2RG	Matilda Pinches	For always being an enthusiastic, principled and reflective learner.
2RK	Caitlyn Compson	For being a motivated learner. Keep up the great work Caitlyn!
3FM	Makenzie Pahl	For being a wonderful role model for our class by being confident and open minded during our Science Expo preparations.
3JB	Emily Hartshorn	For your growing confidence in your communication skills and courageous attitude to share more of your powerful thinking.
3LC	Rafael Tchernych	For being a motivated and confident learner in our class, especially this week while writing your procedural piece for the Science Expo! Well Done Raf!
3RK	Alexie Diamantis	For being an exceptional learner and confidently sharing your ideas with the class. You're a star!
4AT	Tyler Smith	Taking a leadership role in his group while creating Rube Goldberg Machines.
4BH	Mikayla Hill	For constantly being a good friend and looking out for your peers.
4CT	Malachi Dunne	For being a standout inquirer in all of your learning. Your questioning and curiosity has been amazing all year!
4OM	Quinn Earley	For showing kindness to others in the classroom and helping others in writing.
5AA	Stephanie Vella	For your incredible commitment to preparing and practising your assembly speech. What a fantastic communicator you are!
5DG	Lennon Michaelson	For consistently being a knowledgeable and open-minded learner! You work hard and demonstrate your wonderful thinking skills. Well done!
5LW	Vy Ho	For always being a principled, caring and supportive class member who always gives her best.
5RL	Millie Kenington	For being a courageous student by always trying her best.
6AK	Evan Taylor	For consistently demonstrating a mature and enthusiastic approach to all areas of your learning. Keep up the great work Evan!
6JC	Bella Rodas Isaakidis	For your hard work developing your Maths abilities during our study of Data.
6JM	Aaron Yan	For completing an extensive inquiry portfolio for Exhibition. Aaron—your research and work pieces were simply awesome!
6KC	Brooke Sweatman	For your amazing knowledge of the PYP at AGPS and for being our Yr 6 PYP representative.
LOTE	Kaden ELLIOT (4BH)	For being an enthusiastic and diligent learner when practising his Mandarin speaking skills.
P.E.	David Lim (1KB)	For your terrific concentration when working on kicking a ball with control! Well done David!
Performing Arts	Lachy David (1NA)	For being an enthusiastic member of Performing Arts, and for knowing the lyrics to your production song even better than Ms. McGregor!
Visual Arts	Jacob Stueckle (2RK)	For working so hard to complete your cute echidna. Great independent working and so enthusiastic! Well done Jacob!

## *IB PYP Update: Evaluation (Remote) Visit 4th—6th August, 2021*



*Every four or five years, the International Baccalaureate sends a team to evaluate how each school conducts the IB programme in their school. In the case of AGPS, the Primary Years Programme.*

*Last week, between the 4th - 6th of August, AGPS had its first-ever Evaluation. This was to showcase all the wonderful work that the entire school has done to consolidate the programme over the past four and a half years.*

*We were allocated two evaluators, Katie and Sarah, who worked with us remotely over the three-day process. They spoke to teaching staff, leadership, ES staff, parents and many students.*

*Although it takes around six weeks to receive our 'official' result from the IB, the evaluators were thoroughly impressed with the way the IB PYP is being run at AGPS. There were many areas of commendation, such as the wonderful collaborative nature of the staff, the educational and personal support of students in every class and our comprehensive resources. They commented on the excellent Specialist programs and extra opportunities such as the Kitchen Garden program and lunchtime clubs.*

*The visit was both positive and supportive, giving us direction for future development to enhance student learning outcomes even further.*

*I would like to thank all the AGPS staff for their amazing support during the process. In all, they have been working towards the visit for almost a whole year. What a mammoth effort!*

*Many thanks also to the parents who were involved in meetings with the evaluators: Mark Heenan, Matt Hill, Simone Kenington and Catherine Pinches. Your feedback was so thoughtful and extremely valuable.*

*Thank you all for your continued support of the IB PYP at our school.*

**Kelly Cornelius**  
IB PYP Coordinator



*Danielle H's inquiry into 3D shapes building popcorn boxes from a sheet of paper to see which shape can hold the most popcorn. 6JM*



Name: Billy  
Age: 2 years  
Gender Identity: Male  
Species: Mushroom  
Likes: Dirt, Sprout  
Dislikes: ants  
Favorite food/drink: Water  
Quote: "I like to explore places, but I'm stuck in the same spot".



*Maddie A's narrative writing on character profiles. 6JM*

Name: Sprout  
Age: 2 weeks  
Gender identity: N/A  
Species: Sprout  
Likes: Mushroom, sun  
Dislikes: Wind, storms  
Favorite food/drink: Water, soil  
Quote: "Some sprouts are bigger than me, and that makes me scared."



# SHADOW ART

We were so excited to see these fantastic efforts posted in Visual Arts this week. We had fun with shadows, explored Shadowology and created shadow puppets. Many students even made multiple puppets and created their own shadow puppet plays! Thanks to all the students who posted; we loved seeing how much fun you had!

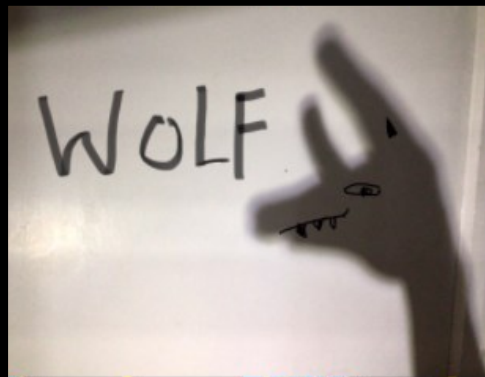
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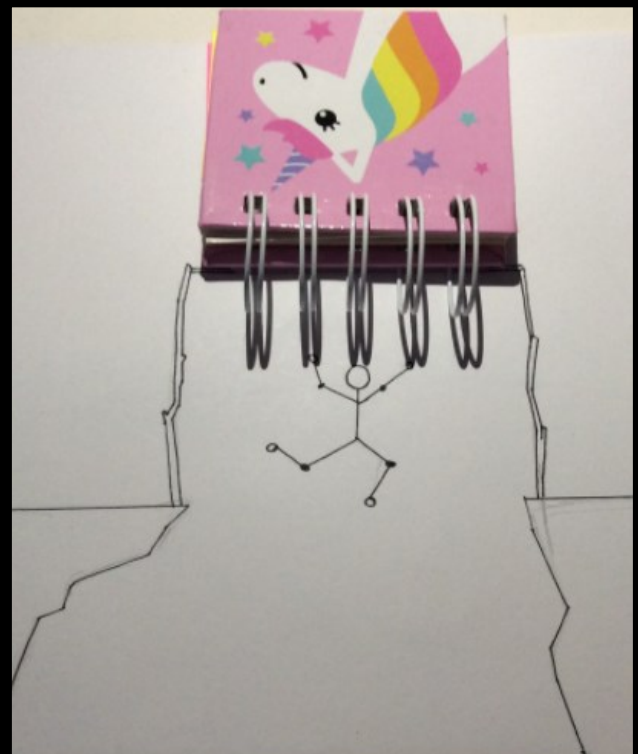
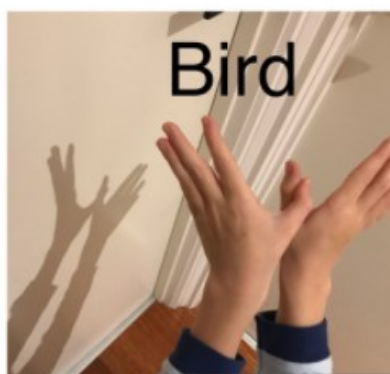
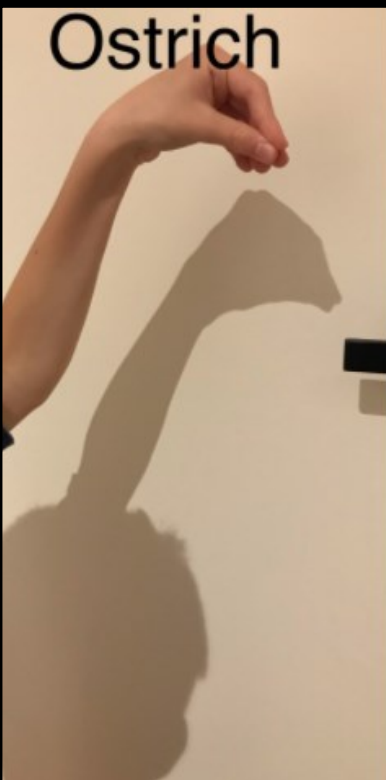
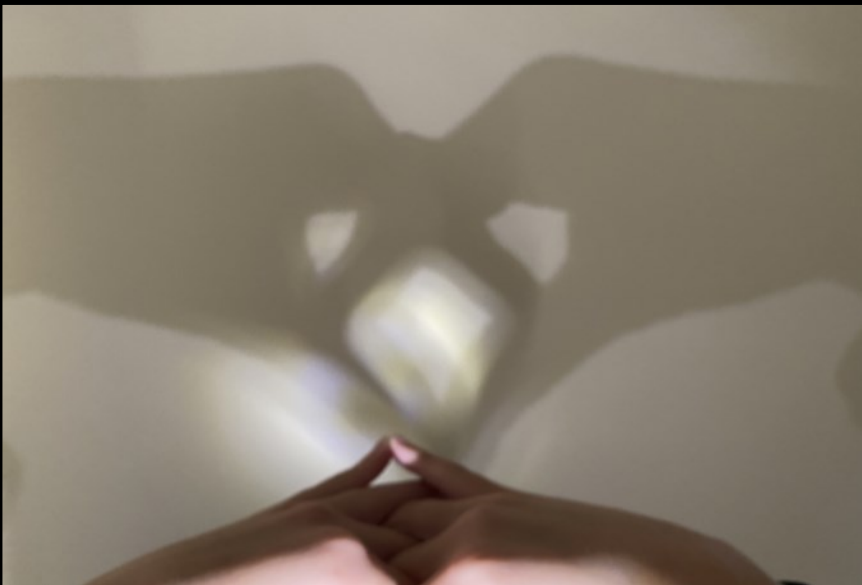
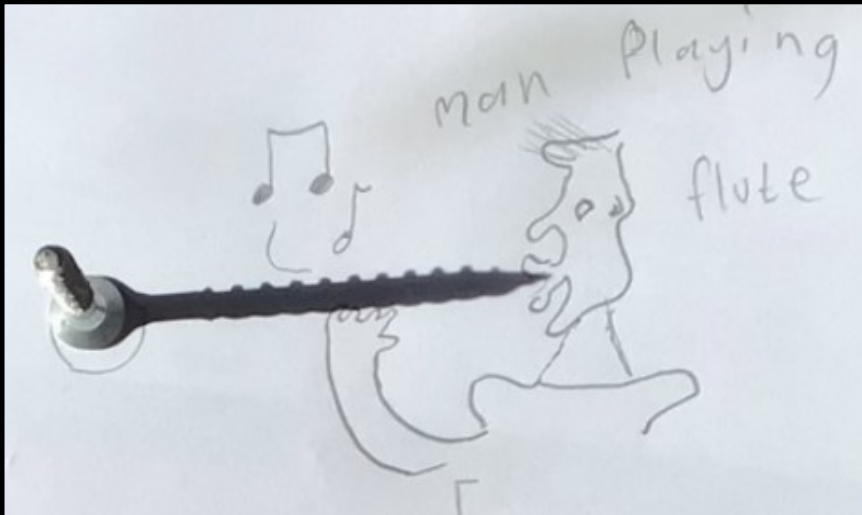


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**Hello from the TheirCare team at Aspendale Gardens!**

**WHATS BEEN HAPPENING?**

We have had some great times with our last two themes—Transport and The Olympics, with the children doing their creative best making passports, trucks and trains out of blocks. The Olympics were exciting! We had our very own medal tally and did presentations of medals for winning various sports' challenges. Some of which included Sock Put (throwing rolled up socks into a basket) - it was harder than it sounds!, quoits, running races and ball games. We had many discussions around the Olympics and what our favourite highlights of the games were.



**A new addition to our reading corner!**

**WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?**

**GIANT GAMES!**

We have received our giant games set from the Toy Library and are so excited to have some incredible challenges with the children! There are a variety of games including: giant Connect 4, giant snakes and ladders, bowling, egg and spoon races, noughts and crosses and the famous parachute!



**WHAT'S COMING?**

**BOOK WEEK**

We are so excited for Book Week to start as we have some great books to look at and much that we can learn from the imaginative minds of various authors!

Through lockdown we plan to see the positive in each and every day as we get together and have fun, share and enjoy learning from each other!

Take Care,  
From Their Care team members—**Sandra & Isabella**

**OPENING HOURS**

BSC: 7:00AM – 8:45AM

ASC: 3:30PM – 6:15PM



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## Developing friendship skills in children

Michael Grose

Research into children's friendships shows that those children who are able to form friendships at school are far happier and also learn better. More significantly, a positive beginning to friendships has long-term implications for social and academic success.

Studies also indicate that children can be taught friendships skills. The strategies are simple and revolve around teaching children a range of friendly behaviours, such as:

- talking with others while playing,
- showing an interest in others,
- smiling,
- offering help and encouragement when needed,
- a willingness to share, and
- learning how to enter a game or social situation.

It is also useful to teach children alternatives to fighting and arguing when there is disagreement and conflict within groups.

Gender impacts on the ability to make friends. Recent research has found that girls are further advanced along the stages of friendship than boys.

Gifted children are further advanced along the continuum of friendship behaviours than their peers. They look for more intimate friendships at a far younger age than their peers. This challenges the perception that gifted children have poor social skills. It seems that they have a different concept of friendships than those around them.



It is healthy for children to form friendships inside and outside of school and their regular day settings. It seems that having friends outside school can be quite an insulating factor to teasing and bullying that can occur within the school gate.

Parents often become concerned about an apparent lack of friends that a child has compared to a sibling or a friend. One research project indicated that children on average have only two significant friendships at any one time. Anecdotal evidence suggests that second born children frequently have more friends than first borns and only children prefer one-on-one friendships to group relationships.

Generally, parents need to do little more than teach children sociable behaviours, such as manners and sharing, and provide social situations for children to build and maintain friendships. However some coaching on how to make and keep friends may be useful when children have difficulty in this area.

## Try This . . .

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote friendship skills in children try the following four strategies:

1. Help them start up a conversation. Give them some good conversation starters. Make sure they don't talk about themselves but focus on what interests others.
2. Play games with children and make sure they learn to be gracious winners and good losers.
3. Have one friend at a time over to your home so that they can form friendships one at a time.
4. Show children how to resolve conflict with others by compromising rather than refusing to give some ground.

## Action Plan

First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about developing friendships skills in your children visit [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

## What's your child like?

Does your child behave like a good friend?

DOES HE

1. Usually hold confidences that others may give? Yes 2 No 0
2. Move on easily if conflict occurs rather than sulk or hold grudges? Yes 2 No 0
3. Usually have a positive outlook and show enthusiasm about most things? Yes 2 No 0

4. Know how to share his time, space and possessions with others? Yes 2 No 0
5. Give and receive compliments easily? Yes 2 No 0

SCORE:

- 10: A friendly child. Probably very popular with peers.
- 6-8: Knows how good friends act but may need to work on skills or attitude.
- 0-4: Maybe a little self-centred. May need more exposure to a variety of social situations and help with basic friendships skills.

## Quote

*'Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends.'*

Czech proverb

[parentingideas.com.au](http://parentingideas.com.au)

# What's On.....



When: Each Thursday (during lockdown)

Time: 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Cost: \$7.00 (+ \$15.00 AGCS annual membership if not already paid)

To book and obtain the link to the class go to:

[www.trybooking.com/BTNFP](http://www.trybooking.com/BTNFP)

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## FIRST AID TRAINING

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Participants can complete either:

- **Provide First Aid - HLTAID003** : \$100.00  
(inclusive of CPR, attend session 1 &2); or
- **Perform CPR - HLTAID001** : \$50.00  
(refresher recommended every 12 months, attend session 1 in part only)



Session 1: Tuesday 5 October | Session 2: Tuesday 12 October  
(CPR attend first hour of session 1 only)

**Bookings essential:** [www.trybooking.com/BTCWN](http://www.trybooking.com/BTCWN)

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If you would like any further information about the above activities or programs at our Centre, please do not hesitate to call us on 9587 5955, visit our website or facebook page or email: [enquiries@agcsinc.org.au](mailto:enquiries@agcsinc.org.au)





[Otway Fly Treetop Adventures](#)

**Is very excited to announce our  
Student Tree Day competition!**

In celebration of National Tree Day, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures is inviting students to enter a special competition exclusive to schools. Students are asked to submit artwork in honour of the humble tree and why trees are important to us.

The artwork can be in any form: It could be a poem, drawing, painting, board game, or stop motion video.

The winning entries school will adopt one of our trees along our rainforest walk, with a plaque dedicated to Otway Fly Treetop Adventures. The winning student will also win a family pass to visit Otway Fly Treetop Adventures

## **HOW TO ENTER**

Entries must be submitted to:

[Education@merlinentertainments.com.au](mailto:Education@merlinentertainments.com.au)

SUBJECT must read: TREE DAY COMPETITION

Competition closes: 13 August 2021

Winner to be announced: 20 August 2021




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**0431394948**

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### Aspendale Auskick

8:30am, Saturday.

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